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models in the most essential element of all annotation—brevity and accuracy; and we trust that this will not be the only legal labour which the learned editor will present for the instruction of his professional brethren.

Reports of Cases Argued and Determined in the English Courts of Common Law, with Tables of the Cases and Principal Matters. Edited by Hon. George Sharswood. Vol. LXX., containing Cases in the Court of Common Pleas, in Michaelmas Term and Vacation, 1850, and Hilary and Easter Terms, 1851. Philadelphia, T. & J. W. Johnson, 1853.

Common Bench Reports. Cases argued and determined in the Court of Common Pleas, in Michaelmas Term and Vacation, 1850, and Hilary and Easter Terms, 1851. With Tables of the Names of Cases Argued, and of the Principal Matters. By John Scott, Esq., of the Inner Temple, Barrister-at-Law. Vol. 10. Philadelphia; T. & J. W. Johnson, 1853.

This is the tenth volume of the Common Bench Reports, and the first volume reported by John Scott, Esq. It resembles in most particulars, its various predecessors—so far as the English author's labors are concerned; but for the American lawyer, it has a greatly increased value, by the addition of notes from the pen of Judge Sharswood, of this city. Our friends, the publishers, have judged wisely in adding notes to their reprints of the English Common Law Series. This Series has now been before the profession for many years, and is the only mode the American lawyer has of obtaining full, accurate, and authentic reports of the judgments of Westminster Hall. The reporters of this Series, take ample time to prepare their cases, and have usually access to the briefs of counsel, and not unfrequently the aid of the Judges, in the preparation of the arguments and opinions, and they are thus enabled to present to the bar reported cases, bearing the sanction of the Court. This is an advantage that not any of the reports enjoy prepared and printed very soon after decision is pronounced, and which reports are eminently useful, not to say indispensable to the active practitioner, at the time they are issued, yet they cannot, in the nature of things, have an entire accuracy. Cases prepared to be consulted by the lawyers of all coming time, should not be hastily presented, and in that shape perpetuated in the authoritative and standard volumes of our libraries.

It is an act of simple justice, to the American annotator of this volume, to say, that some of the notes are elaborate—for example, *Spartali vs. Benecke*, p. 227, and *Austin vs. The Railway Co.*, p. 476—and exhaust the particular learning of the point considered. We are pleased to learn, that the addition of these notes has already added to the widely extended circulation which this series has enjoyed for many years.

English Reports in Law and Equity, containing Reports of Cases in the House of Lords, Privy Council, Courts of Equity and Common Law, and in the Admiralty and Ecclesiastical Courts, including also Cases in Bankruptcy and Crown Cases Reserved. Edited by Edmund K. Bennett and Chauncey Smith, Counsellors at Law. Volume 12. Containing Cases in all the Courts of Equity and Common Law during the year 1852. Boston: Little, Brown & Co., 1853.

This Series is now so well established, that no further notice is required at our hands, than to announce its publication. It is certainly a most useful reprint, furnishing, at a small cost, cases which, in their original English volumes, are very voluminous and yet more costly. This Series, together with the English Common Law Series, published by the Messrs. Johnson, of this city, leave little to be desired by the profession; and, taken together, make a collection of English cases, both very recent and carefully reported.

A Treatise on Crimes and Misdemeanors, by Sir William Oldnall Russell, Knt.; late Chief Justice of Bengal. By Charles Springell Greaves, Esq., of Lincoln's Inn, &c., &c. Seventh American from the third London Edition. With the Notes and References contained in the former American Editions, by Daniel Davis and Theron Metcalf, Esqs.; and with additional Notes and References by George Sharswood. 2 vols. Philadelphia: T. & J. W. Johnson, pp. 905: 1105.

This is a new edition of a book which has always borne the highest reputation as a practical work on criminal law. The Notes of Judge Sharswood, and of the former editor, have enriched it with the principal cases in the United States, and their names furnish an ample guaranty for the correctness and care with which it has been prepared.